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(*a*) Permission to clear undergrowth in all reserves (except those near the coast) to a distance of half a mile from the limits of private holdings;

(*b*) in the reserves near the coast, permission to clear undergrowth to a distance of 200 yards from the limits of private holdings;

(*c*) permission to clear undergrowth in all areas sown with Hopea; and

(*d*) permission for the free removal of—

(i) green manure leaves of unclassified species and dry leaves of all species; and.
(ii) dead fuel.

These concessions were granted on the following conditions :—

(1) that if in any forest they were in any way abused they would be cancelled in such forest; and

(2) that the forests in which they were granted should not be burnt and that if accidental fires occurred the ryots should afford necessary help to extinguish them without delay.

2. But in spite of repeated warnings these concessions were greatly abused by the ryots and the Chief Conservator of Forests recommended that they might be withdrawn. The Government accepted the recommendation and directed that the concessions might be withdrawn gradually with effect from 1st April 1933, after giving due notice to the ryots affected and that a beginning might be made with the six reserves where the concessions were reported to have been most abused and situated farthest from the sea, the six sandalwood reserves in the North Mangalore division and the Veeracumba reserve in the South Mangalore division. The Government also directed that the areas in which the concessions were in force should be divided into two classes, viz., (1) areas where the concessions were abused and therefore their withdrawal was desirable, and (2) areas where sylvicultural interests necessitated the non-exercise of the concessions. In regard to the latter the Government stated that the concessions might be withdrawn in accordance with the working plans, a report being submitted to Government specifying the areas so closed, while, in the case of the former, they stated that the concessions could be withdrawn after obtaining the previous sanction of Government in each case and after giving due warning to the people affected.

3. The withdrawal of the concessions gave rise to a number of interpellations in the Legislative Council. Several other representations were also received by the Government. In consequence, the Hon'ble the Law Member inspected the forests in December 1935. As a result of the inspection, the Government have decided that the following concessions should be restored in the reserves which were closed to the concessions granted in 1922 on the ground that they had been abused :—

(1) *Removal of dry leaf.*—It was represented during the inspection that the withdrawal of this concession has affected the crops considerably and that dry leaves would be of immense help to the ryots for manuring purposes. The Government are satisfied that there is a certain amount of truth in these representations and therefore direct that the ryots should be allowed to remove dry fallen leaves free.

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provided that the wood is fallen and not cut. Timber and valuable wood like teak, sandal or rosewood should however not be allowed to be taken away, even if they had fallen down of their own accord. The Chief Conservator of Forests is also requested to warn the villagers that this concession will be cancelled if it is found that wood is cut whether in a dry or green state.

A/ These concessions will be permitted also in the six sandalwood reserves, which were closed to the concessions, subject to the condition that no sandalwood, even if dead or fallen, is removed. These orders will not however apply to the reserves which are closed to the concessions on sylvicultural grounds.

4. It was represented to the Hon'ble the Law Member during his inspection that forest subordinates are pressing the villagers to purchase grazing permits even though they do not want them. The Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to issue special instructions to his subordinates that no pressure should be brought to bear on the villagers in the matter of purchasing grazing permits and to see that no room is given for such complaints in future.

(By order of the Governor in Council)

C. J. Paul,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Conservator of Forests.

Dev. 1441-I
25.2.36

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Ref. No. 3

Kodialbail, Mangalore,

Dated 22 3 *1936*

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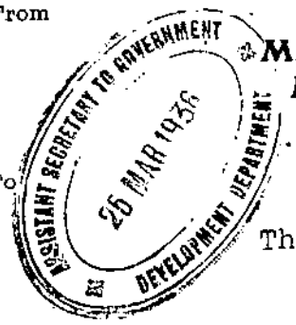

M. R. Ry. K. R. Karant Avl., B. A., LL. B.,
Hon. Secretary, The South Kanara Landholders' Association,
MANGALORE.

To

The Secretary,
Development Department,
Government at Madras,
Fort St. George,
M A D R A S.

Sir,

With reference to the grievances of the ryots of South Kanara with regard to the stoppage of concessions in certain reserves of the district my association submitted a memorandum to the Hon. the Law Member in November 1934. In connection with the same matter the Hon. Member was pleased to visit this district in December last. I understand from the news-papers that certain orders have been passed on the subject but I have not been favoured with a copy of the same.

May I request you to be pleased to send me a copy of the orders passed on the subject so that I may duly publish the same in the district and bring the same to the knowledge of all ryots concerned.

Yours obedient servant,

K. R. Karant

Dev. 1883/1 & 4
28-4-36.

Ref. No. 4

Kodialbail, Mangalore,

Dated 20- 4- 1936

From

M. R. Ry. K. R. Karant Avl., B. A., LL. B.,
Hon. Secretary, The South Kanara Landholders' Association,
MANGALORE.

To

The Secretary,
Development Department,
Government at Madras,
~~Fort St. George~~, Stone House Hill,
~~Madras.~~ Ootacamund.

Sir,

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to you No.3 dated 23-3-1936. I have not got any reply for the same.

May I request you to be good enough to comply with the request contained therein and oblige?

Yours obedient servant,

K. R. Karant

Dev. Dept.

To A.P.

Subd. for perusal. The ~~copy~~ copy of the letter under reference may be awaited.

Received copy
on 4.5.36.

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25.4.36

RR
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Ref.No. 3.

Mangalore,
23-3-1936.

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Yours obedient servant,

(sd.) K.R.Karant.

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Ref No. 20

Kodialbail, Mangalore,

Dated 12th May 1936

M. R. Ry. K. R. Karant Avl., B. A., LL. B.,
Hon. Secretary, The South Kanara Landholders' Association,
MANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Stonehouse Hill,
Ootacumund.

I am sorry to see that you have not been pleased to comply with the request contained in my letter No. 3 dated 23-3-1936 and my reminder No. 4 dated 20-4-1936.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K. R. Karant

To A.S.

Please see A.S.'s query above. The main file is being separately sent to Secy. with a draft order. This may be added on to the main file on its receipt back from Secy.

RR 19.5.36

18/5/36

Dev. Dept.

Letter No. 1441/D/26-27, 13-6-36.

To

The Hon. Diwan, ...
The South Kanara Landholders
Association
Udupi to Mangalore.

Sir, I am directed to
forward herewith for your
letter No. 3 dated 22nd
March 1936, a copy of
the Government Order noted
for your information and
copy of Govt. No. 9615/D/1-6-36
regarding the restoration
of forest Concessions in
South Kanara.

I have &c.

RR
18/5/36

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Date 193

Govt. No. 9615/D/1-6-36 attached
Do entered here
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16/5/36.
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Pto

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Sec. Dept.

~~D.O.~~ No. 1441-I/36-3 dt. 15-6-36

tel
Rec
15/6.

With reference to your
D.O. No. dt. 25-3-36, from the Hon'ble the Law Member
I am to enclose for
your information a copy
of D.O. No. 963 dt. 15-6-36,
regarding the restoration
of Forest Concessions
in South Kanara Dt.

Dy. No. 1441
Dt. 17/6/36
Date

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16/6/36.

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16/6/36

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CIA
12/6/36

G.O.No. 263 Dt 15.5.36.

D.O 1450 F 25.3.36.
Rev 2573

Council Chamber
Fort St. George
25.3.1936.

Dear Sir

It is a long time since that orders were passed by the Govt on the "Forest grievances" of South Kanara. People are asking us for particulars but we are not able to give them. May I request you to be kind enough to send me a copy of the order of the Govt on the same and oblige

Yours sincerely
K.S. Bhatt.

This may be cancelled
Rev
2573

Dev. Depn

P.A.

Please see the D.O. from Mr Karanth Secy. of the S. Kanara Landholders' Assn in the enc. and Mr Bhatt's D.O. and the They want a copy of the order passed by Govt on the question of the S. Kanara forest grievances after this visit to the locality.

Attention is solicited to this rules of instruction at Page 57-58 of Fo. (Pr Dev.) of 6.2.36 & Rule above

(S)

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note. Hon. he Leaves notes on the
~~question~~ various ~~for~~ during ~~last~~ points :-

(1) Removal of dry leaf — p.b. or (5)
(2) green leaf manure — p6.
(3) Removal of dry wood — p4, 5 — 2
(4) Sandalwood forest — p62
(5) Fencing &c — pp 64-65 — 2

Hon'ble Minister ~~ways~~
Sent for C. C. of forests for
necessary action on 25.1.36. It is ~~is~~ not known whether the C.C. has Leaves notes on the same. The C.C. ~~is~~ may perhaps be asked to state ~~what orders he wants to issue~~ ~~subordinates as a result of~~ the Leaves ~~for~~ of Hon'ble Minister for the information of ~~for~~

~~A~~ draft D.O. is sub for approval

Ans at Pg. 6 of for 15.1.36 (5)

Sent 28.3.36 JR 28.3.36

I think it is desirable that we know what orders the C.C. has communicated to the local officers in the light of the observations contained in the Hon'ble Minister's note of inspection. The extract of the note of inspection sent to the C.C. is at flag B in the linked file

The D.O. below is for approval.

JR 8.6.36

JR 7/4

(K)
* disposed of in Go. No. 607 dtd 15-4-36

Flag (B) referred to will be found at the 12-16 of (K)

Rev. Dept.

Do. No. R4[illegible]/28-1 Dt 16.4.36

Subject: Forests - S. Kanara -
Concessions - Cancellation of
My Do. Dt. 25.1.36.

Ref. Do. No. 181 (S)
6.2.36

Please let me have
~~a copy of the orders passed as a result of the~~ issued by you
~~Whether you have also been~~ ~~forwarded to you with the~~
~~Do. cited above.~~ inspection
~~and to request you to send~~ of the notes recorded
~~a copy of the orders passed~~ by the Hon'ble Law member
~~by you on the subject~~
may be furnished to me
at an early date.

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P.A. While here by
1.4.36
C.C. of the orders
passed to
17/4

Dept
28.3.36

Rl
8.4.36

Dept
28.3.36

D.O.

4733
1.5.36

Office of the Chief Conservator
of Forests, Chepauk, Madras
dated 28th April 1936
(Camp) Ootacamund.

Dear Mr. Paul,

Ref: Mr. Henderson's D.O.No.1441-I/36-1, dated 16-4-1936 regarding forest concessions in South Kanara district.

I communicated the notes of inspection recorded by the Hon'ble Law Member to the Conservator, Ootacamund Circle, with the following remarks:-

"Copy to Conservator, Ootacamund Circle for information and necessary action. The removal of dry leaf and dead fallen wood will be permitted; and no pressure should in future be brought upon cattle-owners to take out grazing permits if they do not wish to buy them."

Yours sincerely,
T. Abdul Hakk

M.R.Ry.
Rao Bahadur C.J. Paul Avl.,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department,
Stone House Hill, The Nilgiris.

To A.S.

Please see the C.C's D.O. above. For orders whether a copy of the notes of inspection may be furnished to Mr. Bhatt or whether the C.C. should be asked to obtain and furnish a copy of orders issued by the Conservator to the R.F.O.s.

4.5.36

We need not call for the instructions issued by the Conservator.

Mr Bhatt and the Hon Secy of the S. Kanara Landholders' Assn may be told that as a result of the consideration of the memorandum submitted by the Assn and of the instructions of the Govt made by the Hon minister instructions have been issued to restore the following concessions in the reserves which were closed to the concessions granted in G.O. 212 on the ground that they had been abused

(1) Dry leaves may be permitted to be collected for

(2) Firewood irrespective of girth may be allowed for free provided the wood is fallen and not cut. Timber and valuable wood such as teak Sandal or rose wood should not be allowed to be taken away.

Cutting of dead wood is prohibited and the concession will be cancelled if it is found that wood is cut dry or green.

(3) The above concessions are permissible even in the Sandal reserves closed to the concession but in such cases the Sandal wood whether dead or alive, fallen or cut is reserved.

(4) No rooms should be given to the complainants that bringing fuel is are forced on the rest by the forest subordinates. No persons should in future be brought to bear on the villagers in the matter of bringing permits

RR
S.

No formal orders were passed but

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The C.C. has issued instructions to the effect that free removal of dry leaf and dead fallen wood should be allowed and that no pressure should in future be brought upon Cattle-owners to take out grazing permits if they do not wish to buy them. For orders as to the lines on which a reply should be sent to Mr Khan & Mr Karanth.

CJ
8-5-36

H.H.C.,

Mr. Khan & Mr Karanth may be informed that the four concessions at A in G.O. have been allowed.

KGK
10/5

Read 11/5

I have spoken to the Hon Member. The idea is that a formal G.O. should issue allowing the four Concessions mentioned in A's note. Such an order should have issued in the first instance. It was the most unusual thing to do to have Communicated outside a copy of the Minutes recorded by an Hon'ble Member of Govt. Please draft a G.O. CJ
12-5-36

M

Read 14/5/36

To A.S.

C | With reference to the order at p 6 supra, a draft order is subd. for approval. A draft letter to the Secy. to the Landholders ~~Rate Payers~~ Association, Mayelane and a draft to the R.E.S. Distt., M.L.C. are also subd.

The note of instruction was sent to the Cert. "for necessary action" as ordered by the last Secy

A | 16/5/36 JAR 16/5/36 - vide p. 66 of S. after the whole matter was discussed by the Hon. with the Cert. Hon'ble

B | Ministers are furnished to the Heads of Depts. on the express orders of Hon.

RC 18.5.36 S.

A. I don't suppose Mr Henderson was aware of the Secty practice.

B. This as is clear now, does not close the matter. The office should certainly have pointed this out & taken steps to have a formal G.O. issued.

C. Please refer the draft with reference to the papers on the subject & not to the office note book.

CR 20.5.36

To A.S.

The draft has been re-referred as ordered by Secy. and is submitted

C.L. 2695 & 2715 Red 2895

P.N. 586

26/5/36. H.R. 28.5.36

Will A-S. please have Check every statement in the draft Carefully Scrutinised and amended Wherever necessary. That work should not be left to me. Mistakes are obvious from A* in page 76 of (H) G.O. 1189 dt 10.6.30 Read with (C) A in p 11 of G.O. 22 dt 6.1.25. Every statement in a G.O. should be scrupulously accurate.

The G.O. 229 dt 13.6.22 quoted may also be put up

Clk

3.6.36

Page 11 of G.O.No.22, dated 6-1-1925, contains (C) copy of a letter written in August 1924 by the D.F.O., North Mangalore, in which he traces the genesis of the concessions. On p.76 of G.O.No. 1189, dated 10-6-1930, the C.C.F. himself describes the concessions which were granted by one (H) of his predecessors to the South Kanara people. I have now called for a copy of the C.C's original proceedings in which these concessions were announced. The concessions were first announced in the C.C's Proceedings dated 13-9-22. These Proceedings mention free removal of "manure leaves" without specifying whether it was green leaf or

(B)

dry leaf. The D.F.O.'s letter dated 9th August 7-24 (c) (at p. of G.O.No.22 Development, dated 6-1-25) only raised the question as to whether the C.C.F intended his Proceedings to refer also to the removal of dry leaf. This doubt was set at rest by a subsequent Proceedings of the C.C.F. dated 23-7-1924 in which he specifically mentions the removal of dry leaves also. The opening sentence of the draft therefore sets out the correct position. It is perhaps unnecessary to retain the second sentence in the draft. In its place may perhaps be substituted the following:-

"These concessions were granted on the following conditions:-

(1) that if in any forest they were in any way abused they would be cancelled in such forest; and (2) that the forests in which they were granted should not be burnt. If accidental fires occurred ryots should afford necessary help to extinguish them without delay."

I submit a revised draft for approval.

PR
10.6.36

Issue draft.
CCA
12.6.36

[Issued as G.O. No. 963 dated 15-6-36]

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ORDER.

No. 963 dated 15-6-1936

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(Press)

Dis. Dpr. Date 17/6/36 1936

Vide Copy of C.E.'s proceedings at 43 (B) and 45 (D)

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Please issue these orders. Please also keep a copy of the G.O. in the file.

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(b) In the reserves near the coast, permission to clear undergrowth to a distance of 200 yards from the

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limits of private holdings;

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2. In spite of repeated warnings these concessions were very much abused by the ryots and the Chief Conservator of Forests recommended that they might be withdrawn.

Vide copy of ec's proceedings at p 3 ⧸ (B)

Vide para at p 1 ⧸ (B) and the notes at p 9 ut.

(W)

Vide ec's report at pp 1-3 ⧸ Go. No. 1426 dtd 2-11-32

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The Government, ~~after a careful consideration of the whole question,~~ accepted the recommendation and directed that the concessions might be withdrawn gradually with effect from 1st April 1933 after giving due notice to the ryots affected and that a beginning might be made with the six reserves where the concessions were ~~much~~ abused and situated farthest from the sea, the six sandalwood reserves in the North Mangalore Division and the Veeracumba reserve in the South Mangalore Division.

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4. It was represented to the Hon'ble the Law Member during his inspection that Forest Subordinates are pressing the villagers to purchase

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South Kanara — Concessions.

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No. 1441/26 From the _____, No. _____, dated _____ 19____.

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Vide e-c's report at pp 1-3 of
Fo. 1426 Ev
2-11-32

Vide Ors. at pages
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P 11 & No. 1054 dtd 31-8-33

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3 The withdrawal of the Concessions ~~has~~ given rise to a number of interpellations in the Legislative Council.

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Vide Nos 4, 12, 16, 24, 46, 66 and 84 & No. 1037 dtd 29-8-33

P 122 of No. 134 D 26/12/33

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Vide Pp 1-68, 9-23, 30-35, 38-39, 42, 61-63, 66-75, 78-84. of Fo. 682 dtd 7-6-33 (V)

Pp 1-29 43-58, 107 dtd 4-4-34 of Fo. 134 2b 135 (R)

In company with the officers of the forest department and several non official gentlemen of the district. As a result of the inspection, the

Pp 5-7 of Fo. 181 6-2-36 (S)

Pp 60 of Fo. 181 dtd 6-2-36 (S)

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This concession will be permitted also in the

para 3, No 61 and the Go. at p 112 (5)

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To

The Manager,
C. P's office.

Subject - Concessions in South Kanara

Please send me urgently a copy of the Chief Conservator's Rep No 2195/24 dy 23-7-24 in which the Concessions granted to the villagers of South Kanara are described.

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Dated 5 6 1936.

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The Assistant Secretary to Government

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and Ref No 2195/24-2 Dated 23-7-24.) MP 26-29 of (G)

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Copy of letter Refce.No.1206-21-2,dated 13-9-22 from the Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras, to the Conservator of Forests, VI Circle and copy to the Collector of South Kanara.

As an experiment the following privileges will be allowed until the end of June 1923:-

(1) Clearing of undergrowth to a distance of half a mile from the limits of private holdings.

(2) Clearing of undergrowth in all areas sown with Hopea.

(3) Free removal in all reserves of:-

(a) Manure leaves of unclassified species.

(b) Dead timber of unclassified species.

(c) Dead fuel

(d) Clay.

2. The District Forest Officers should be instructed to make it clear to the ryots that these privileges are granted only on the following conditions:-

(a) that if in any forest they are in any way abused they will be cancelled in such forest.

(b) that the forests in which they are granted must not be burnt; if accidental fires occur, they must be extinguished by the ryots without delay.

3. As a further inducement to the people to prevent fires, half the grazing fees will be refunded in June 1923 if the forests for which the grazing permits have been issued are not burnt, or if in cases of accidental fires, the fires are extinguished by the local ryots without delay. The District Forest Officer's should be directed to report whether it is feasible to refund the grazing fees to individuals who have taken out permits or whether panchayats should be formed for this purpose.

4. The privilege of clearing undergrowth to a distance of half a mile from private holdings cannot be granted in

in the case of such forests as those near the coast between Coondapur and Baindur. There are probably other somewhat similar forests, in which it will be impossible to grant this privilege. The District Forest Officers should be directed to report in which forests the privilege cannot be granted.

5. It is practically impossible to hold the few -- villagers who live along the foot of the Ghats, especially in the South Division, responsible for the fires in these extensive forests. The District Forest Officers however should be directed to work out some simple scheme under which certain limited areas may be assigned to certain villages or parts of villages, the inhabitants of which are to be held responsible for the prevention or speedy extinction of the fires.

6. In order to allow of the removal of manure leaves etc., it does not appear necessary to institute the Forest Village sytem, but in the more populous portions of the country near the coast it may be possible to get the people to form themselves into panchayats for the management of the privileges now granted. The District Forest Officers should be directed to investigate and -- report on this point.

7. The early burning carried out last year in the Uppinangady range appears to have been fairly successful. The District Forest Officers should be directed to state whether it is not possible to extend this system over all the forests lying near the Ghats. They should be directed to submit their reports on this question by the end of September: The Acting Chief Conservator knows the country and on his return to the VI Circle he will pass orders on their -- proposals.

8. The District Forest Officers should be directed to impress on the ryots that the privileges detailed above will be granted -- entirely as an experiment. If the people wish them to be continued next year they must adhere to the conditions laid down.

9. The District Forest Officers should be directed to submit through the Collector in the month of June next a report on the working of the experiment and to state whether they consider that it is worth while extending it for a further period.

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In issuing my reference 1206/21-2 dated 13-9-1922 it was my intention that the concessions detailed therein should be allowed in all reserved forests in South Kanara except (as far as the clearing of undergrowth was -- concerned) the forests near the coast (vide para 4 of my reference quoted above). The concessions were to be subject to certain conditions (vide para 2 of the reference) and were to be experimental for one year. It appears however to have been thought by the District Forest Officers as well as by yourself that the concessions were to be granted only in cases where the "Forest Village System" could be introduced.

2. In order to prevent any further misunderstanding I now direct that the following concessions shall be granted as an experimental measure for one year from 1st August 1924 in all the reserve forests in South Kanara:-

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5. As regards para 2 (e) it appears from the report of -- District Forest Officer North Ref.No.1118/F 22 dated 10th Novr.1922 that it is not feasible to refund grazing fees to -- individuals; hence I have limited the concession to reserves where the "Forest Village System" has been introduced. The District Forest Officers should however report again on the matter and state whether it would be possible to make the refund to individuals and if not why not.

6. In his D.Dis.659/F-24-C-1 dated 12-4-24 the District Forest Officer North states that there are several Non-Co-Operators on two of the panchayats. The District Forest Officer has the power to remove any panchayatdar. Why does he allow the Non-co-operators to remain?

7. With regard to the general question of granting the -- concession now ordered, you state in another connection (your Ref.No.M.1030/24-1, dated 11-6-24) that you view the grant with considerable misgiving. Would you be so good as to indicate the reasons for your misgiving in regard separately to the -- removal of dry leaves, that of green leaves, and the concession regarding the clearing of undergrowth. As regards the under-growth clearing you say that you have not formed the impression that the ryots will not use Hopea leaves for manure. I have been under this impression as also was Mr. Fischer, but of course we may be wrong. To prove a positive is much easier than to prove a negative, and if the ryots do to any extent use Hopea leaves for manure the fact should be very easy of proof.

Will you be so good as to cause enquiries to be made.

8. I would point out that the concessions now ordered (as were those ordered in 1922) are conditional and experimental for a year. If they are abused they can be withdraw... The fact that they may have led in some places to a demand for possession of the whole forest area does not place Government under any obligation to grant any such ridiculous demand.

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